(c) to (e) There is no assistance taken from foreign firms, however, the Indian system is the best system for our country.

**Hiring of talented scouts**

2570. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have hired talented scouts to visit tribal areas to find the best potential coaches in the country;

(b) the details of this talent scouting activity of the Sports Authority of India;

(c) what other steps Government propose to take to inspire the youth to train them properly for sports and athletics; and

(d) the details of short-comings that have been addressed in sports management and Olympic preparations in the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Sports Talent Scouting is undertaken under Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme of Sports Authority of India from different parts of the country including tribal areas, by duly constituted experts committee consisting of coaches, scientists and administrators.

(c) The Government of India, through various schemes of SAI, augments the efforts of State Government in promotion of sports for improving sports performances at Junior, Sub-Junior and Senior levels. At present SAI is running the following Sports Promotional Schemes in the country:—

(i) National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)

(ii) Army Boys Sports Company Scheme (ABSC)

(iii) SAI Training Centre Scheme (STC)

(iv) Special Area Games Scheme (SAG)

(v) Centre of Excellence Scheme (COX)

The details of selection process under the above schemes are advertised in the media and selections under these schemes are made as per laid down norms.

(d) Preparation for important International events like Olympic, Asian and Commonwealth Games is an ongoing process. In addition to the promotional schemes run by Sports Authority of India, Government imparts assistance to sportspersons through the Scheme for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSF) for international exposures and for procuring equipment, Scheme for Talent Search and Training, and assistance to NSF in engagement of Foreign Coaches.

**Sports facilities in Uttar Pradesh**

2571. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals regarding sports facilities received from the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the number out of them lying pending; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The details of proposal received from Uttar Pradesh Government during the last three years *i.e.* 2002-2003 to 2004-2005 alongwith their status under the Schemes of 'Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure' and 'Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces' have been given below:—

| SI. No. | Name of the scheme | No. of proposal received | No. of proposals approved till 2004-05 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure | 22<br>3 | 9 |
| 2 | Grants for Installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces | | 2 |

As a consquence of a decision taken in February, 2005 the Sports Infrastructure Scheme was transferred to state sector with effect from 1.4.2005. No budget provision existed for fresh proposals after 1.4.2005. Therefore proposals which had not been approved till 2004-05 could not be processed further.